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SUBJ: LEBANESE SITUATION: HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

1. YOU CAN TELL SENATOR KENNEDY I HAVE THE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM VERY MUCH AT HEART. IF AND WHEN WE CAN GET CONSORTIUM OFF GROUND, ITS FIRST TASK WILL BE HUMANITARIAN. IN SHORTER RUN, I BELIEVE BEST CHANNEL IS ICRC. I AM IN TOUCH WITH ICRC REPRESENTATIVE HERE WHO RECOMMENDED TO ME BY MARTI WITH WHOM I WORKED ON CONGO, CYPRUS JORDAY AND VIETNAM PROBLEMS. I'LL SEND YOU SEPARATELY TEXT OF MESSAGE I'VE HAD FROM MARTI AND HOPE YOU'LL SUPPORT IT. I'LL SEE HIS REPLACEMENT LATER THIS MORNING.

2. MERCY CORRIDORS ARE NOT FOR TODAY. SITUATION IS STILL TOO MURDEROUS. A GROUP OF CHRISTIANS TRYING TO MOVE GASOLINE YESTERDAY WERE BURNED ALIVE. WE KNOW CHIRSTIAN AREAS HERE IN TOWN ARE RUNNING SHORT OF MANY FOOD ITEMS. GETTING RELIEF THERE IS A PRIORITY ITEM BUT ONLY POSSIBLE IF THERE IS SOME ABATING OF PASSIONATE TEMPERS NOW PREVAILING. HOPEFULLY THE MORE REGULARIZED AND EFFECTIVE SECURITY PROPOSAL I HAVE BEEN TRYING OUT ON PEOPLE MIGHT HELP AND LEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIEF CONVOYS TO ISOLATED AREAS.

3. I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN AAFTER I HAVE TALKED TO ICRC.

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